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AN EDITOR MAKES A DISCOVERY. ARRANGING RACING PROGRAMME.

Came To Daytona For A Change
Of Scene And Got More Than
He Expected.

[The following word-painting is by ex-editor Thos. A. Davis, Maysville, Ky., who with his wife did the Florida cities. Twenty-five years ago the city editor of the Gazette-News did his first editorial work on a little college paper and Mr. Davis' big printer published the paper. Sorry we didn't see this old Republican fire-eater and war-horse when he was in the city—City Editor]

"I came here yesterday for a change of scene and got what I came for, with a few added and wholly unexpected charms; for of a verity this is the most enchanting city in all Florida. It seems to have been dropped down into the midst of a primeval forest of giant live-oaks, pines and palms, or to have sprung up under the influence of a magician's wand.

"Its promoters set out to make it a typical New England village, with the residential bee uppermost in their bonnets; and the many palatial homes, pretty cottages, beautiful wide lawns and embowered avenues, with an almost painful absence of 'shops,' are quite conclusive evidences of the successful accomplishment of their plans.

"Did you ever picture a place before you saw it—and get it all wrong? I have, and this is one of the times. I thought the Halifax river was probably a trifle larger than goose creek; but it's a mile wide at Daytona fringed with tropical vegetation, artistic cottages and hospitable hotels overlooking its bosom, electric lanchons and motor-boats flitting in every direction, a veritable Mecca for fishermen the Halifax is a thing of beauty and a joy to every fellow who can sit on Beach street and look out upon it. Then I thought Sea-breeze was on the other side of Daytona, when, in fact, Daytona is on the west side of Seabreeze, with the Halifax flowing between, but spanned by several bridges built on piling.

"To my mind, Ridgewood avenue is Daytona's crowning glory. It runs through the center of the city north and south, on the crest of a broad ridge is eighteen miles long, and as straight as the crow flies. On either side the wide-spreading branches of massive liveoaks extend their giant arms across this magnificent vista, forming a perfect arch, and from these extending arms great festoons of Spanish moss sway as the trade-winds from tropical seas fan them. Looking straight ahead down this shell street one has the impression of a fairy path with elish draperies, but as you move along you see on either side charming cottage homes in most delightful settings."

"But I'm stuffing your space too full of Daytona, so I'll take a drive Northward to Ormond. Six miles up Ridgewood avenue, passing numerous orange groves golden with luscious fruit, you come to Ormond, an unpretentious hamlet on the West bank of the Halifax."

"From the Ormond hotel to the sea beach is less than half a mile, and here we enter on the world-famous Daytona beach for a drive of eight miles to Seabreeze. This is the racing ground for automobiles. The sand packs so firmly that the wheels of a vehicle make no impression upon it and nowhere else in any country has been found such a combination—width of beach and solidity and smoothness of surface. Hear, too, the never-ceasing roar of the surf on the left, the many-shaded green of old Ocean seemingly touching the horizon, the snowy white-caps tossing at our feet, we bowled lazily and dreamily along, caring very little whether school kept or not."

Mrs. M. J. Garland Passes Away.

A message received yesterday conveys the intelligence of the death in New York, on Wednesday, of Mrs. J. M. Garland, for many years a resident of South Beach street.

Mrs. Garland and her daughter, Miss Rose Garland, left Daytona early in December to make their home in New York City, but the rigors of that climate proved too severe and she passed away after a protracted illness.

Her husband preceded her to the grave some two years ago, leaving the widow and an only son and daughter, the former in California.

The remains will be brought to this city and buried beside that of her husband, in Pinewood cemetery, Daytona Beach.

A Number Of Appointments Of
Those Who Will Figure In
The Races.

Entries are coming in daily for the Seventh Annual Daytona Beach, Florida Speed Contest, March 23-26. Monday the entries of two Fords were made, and Tuesday Paul LaCroix, American manager of the famous Renault firm expects to send his entry for one or two cars. Herbert Lytle telegraphed that he would make an entry before Saturday, and the importers of the Benz cars expect to make at least one nomination.

The question of referee was decided on Saturday, when the position was offered to and accepted by S. A. Miles, General Manager of the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers, who is one of the best posted men in the United States, and who has always interested himself in racing affairs. In fact much of the good in the present racing rules was suggested by Mr. Miles, who will come South this week and attend to some of the preliminaries for the race meet at Daytona. Fred J. Wagner, the famous official starter of the Vanderbilt Cup and Savannah races, will have charge of the entries, and start them this year, which is a guarantee that the events will be run promptly and right.

R. F. Kelsey, Chairman of the Board of Control of the National Cycling Association, will have charge of the score or more of professional bicycle riders, who will take part in cycling contests and record trials. Ernest LaRue Jones, editor of Aeronautics will superintend the flying machine efforts, and is expected that the Motor A. Yachts will show up well on the famous wide hard beach. Earl Ovington, president of the Federation of American Motorcyclists, will act as Chairman of the Technical Committee, and the motorcycle entries includes the greatest number of fast machines ever entered. One of the entries yesterday was a 20-horsepower Indian racer by Chapple, who intends to challenge Bruce Brown, a well-known New York amateur automobile driver, to a race on the beach.

PORT ORANGE

Mr. Cushman went to Jacksonville last week.

Mr. Sufres of Illinois, has bought the lot corner of Orange street on Dunlawton avenue, of Mrs. Dondinville.

Miss May Milburn came home from St. Augustine Friday to spend Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Bishop W. C. Gray was here Friday and held divine service in Grace church in the evening when three were confirmed.

Major Don Morris was in town Sunday afternoon.

We had a moving picture show all last week in a tent on the river shore.

J. H. Hulse of St. Augustine came in Sunday to look our town over, with the view of settling among us.

Mr. DuBois of Bluffton, S. C. and Miss DuBois and her niece Mrs. Vandevater, of Hyde Park, N. Y., arrived Monday to visit their nephew Dr. DuBois.

Mrs. Simcoe was hostess of the card party Tuesday evening.

KINGSTON

The building for the new meat market is almost complete and Mr. Gaiway has moved into it and commenced business.

Messrs. C. S. and R. G. Orr, of Springfield, Pa., arrived at The Ferndale on Saturday and were joyfully welcomed to Kingston again by their many warm friends here.

Mr. Crans and wife, of DeLand, have taken rooms in the Will Parker house, on Mulberry street.

We are pleased to note that Miss May Kingston, daughter of Fred Kingston, who had a severe attack of pneumonia, is recovering rapidly.

Miss Bertha Brooke, of Osteen, is a pleasant visitor with relatives at Prof. Sheppard's.

Among the late arrivals at The Ferndale are P. B. Chandler, Easton, Ga.; Mr. Vandine, DeLand.

Mr. Hook, a guest of the Ferndale, has gone for a few days' stay at the Surf Crest on the beach.

J. Fitzgerald left for St. Augustine on his return trip to Boston, expecting to stop over at several places enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have rented and moved into the Peany cottage on Main street.

ORANGE CITY IS FIRE SWEEPED.

The Fire Fiend Consumes Choice
Buildings In The Central
District.

Tuesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the drug store of Dr. Hill, Orange City, started a fire which proved very destructive, and but for the timely arrival of the DeLand fire department would have almost cleaned up this beautiful little inland town.

From the drug store the flames spread to other buildings and the Fenwick House, several stores and residences were consumed and as leaping flames were carrying fire brands in every direction firing distant buildings, it looked as if the entire town were doomed. A call to DeLand for the help of her fire department was responded to promptly, and they soon had control of the situation and saved the day.

Several stores and about eight residences burned with a loss of fully \$20,000. It is said that about \$5,000 insurance was carried.

Orange City has a standpipe and was supposed to be well equipped to fight fire, but it seems to have been wanting in the necessary hose.

Do Figures Ever Lie?

Stories as to what property owners on Ocean boulevard were willing to close the ocean end and what others opposed such closing have been rather conflicting.

In order to ascertain the exact situation a prominent Seabreeze real estate man made a personal investigation and canvas of the boulevard with this result: Persons for closing the boulevard own 2200 feet frontage.

Persons against closing the boulevard own 1310 feet frontage.

Persons not heard from own 525 feet frontage.

To Have City Directory.

A long felt want is about to be supplied in the form of a city directory. It is high time that a city of Daytona's size should have some definite means of locating residents, as well for the convenience of those permanently located here as for those only sojourning in the city, for the place has grown to such proportions that many of the townspeople are not familiar with either the names or places of residence of others.

An enterprising citizen of one of the suburban towns, being awake to this necessity is now engaged in compiling a directory of the city, which will also contain some pages of general information as well. The book is to be gotten up in good shape and durable form, being cloth bound. The revenue for its issue must be in part derived from advertising pages, and it is thought that the business men of the city will give it their hearty support.

ORMOND

Mrs. I. H. Sawyer and son, Everette, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived at their winter home last Friday. Mrs. Sawyer is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt and Mr. and Mrs. Webster, of Springfield, Mass., are occupying the Mason cottage a few weeks.

The Ormond Boat Club pulled off another boat race on Wednesday morning. There were eleven entries and the prizes were \$10, a barrel of gasoline, \$5.00 and \$2.50. The winners were the hotel boat Nile Paches, first prize, the Miss Burters second prize, the Nigara third and the Mystic fourth.

Another race will come off the last part of the month.

HOLLY HILL

Miss Martha Haferkorn, cousin of Mrs. Kline, left on Wednesday for her home in Champagne, Ill. Mr. Kline accompanied her as far as Jacksonville.

We numbered amongst our visitors last week Mr. and Mrs. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Graham Thompson, Mrs. and Miss Milligan, Mrs. Garthner and her niece Miss Gunn, from London, Canada.

After spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Merkel, Mrs. Mann returned to Seabrooke on Tuesday.

W. H. Heath made his first shipment of celery on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. A. Carter was in Daytona last Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carter.

S. T. Hill and C. G. Towsey drove over from Winter Park last Saturday.

On Monday Mr. and Miss Brown and Mrs. Robbins and little daughter were over calling on G. W. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dillon and Miss Emery of London, Ontario, Canada, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Heath, on their way home from Cuba and Nassau. It was Mr. Dillon's and Miss Emery's first visit and they were charmed with the beauties of Florida, especially the Tonoka river, which they saw under particularly auspicious circumstances. Making the trip up in the afternoon and returning by moonlight, the water was quite calm and the reflections perfect, rendering the scene a wonderful.

†Collars 2 cents, all style of shirts 10 cents, with work left and called for at Daytona Steam Laundry. if

MR. OWENS IS FOR GOOD ROADS.

The Commissioner Thinks The
Gap Should Be Built To
Brevard Line.

Every citizen on the east side of the county is interested in the extension of the Volusia county road south to the Brevard county line, and citizens on the east side of Brevard are likewise interested in the completion of Brevard's road north from Titusville to connect with Volusia's good roads. This connection is too important to the coast region not to be completed this summer.

The Brevard County Commissioners are a unit for voting an appropriation for the building of their end of the road; Commissioners Bradshaw and Owens, of this side of Volusia, have declared themselves, and it only remains for the three commissioners removed from the coast to say the word.

The completion of such road will enhance the value of property and help to plant settlers where there is now hammock, savannah and pineland flats awaiting the settler; the transformation of a waste region into groves, gardens and pastures will more than repay its cost. Why delay the matter?

The Gazette-News does not believe that the Commissioners on the west side are disposed to ignore the appeal for the completion of this link. The Commissioners appreciate the value of good roads, and at every meeting give evidence of their interest in road improvement and road extension; they are handicapped it is true for lack of funds. This important stretch will be built, and other roads will be built as fast as practicable.

Good roads more than any other one thing have placed Volusia in the front rank of Florida counties, and Volusia is going to maintain her lead.

Gazette-News readers will be interested in a letter just received from County Commissioner S. B. Owens in reply to a letter addressed the Commissioner by the editor of this paper. It reads:

"Oak Hill, Fla., 3-6-09.

"T. E. Fitzgerald:—Your favor of the second inst. was duly received and contents noted and in reply will say the present Board of County Commissioners for this county is fully in harmony with the good roads movement. The southern part of our county, which happens to be in my district, has been somewhat neglected along these lines and there are parts of the road, which at times, are impassable for autos. This is true of the prairie across the head of the Indian river, but I am in hopes to make a good road of this when the water dries out.

"Assuring you that I shall always be ready for any thing in my power in this respect. I am, Yours truly,

S. B. OWENS."

To which statements from Commissioner Owens hundreds of people will say "Amen." A great many are of opinion that the gap to the Brevard county line is the most important unfinished road inviting attention. The Gazette-News hopes the County Commissioners will think so too.

WILL SOAR AMONG THE CLOUDS.

As stated in Thursday's Daily News, the first of the flying machines to take part in the coming race events on the beach has arrived by express from Chicago, accompanied by the owner and operator, C. S. Bates, who designed and practically built this aeroplane himself and has made successful flights with it at Chicago, where he has resided for the past five years, going to that city from his home at Clear Lake, Iowa.

Mr. Bates, who is quite a young man, has worked out some very important features in the construction of his machine and attributes the fact that it can be operated with from one-fourth to one-half the horse-power of other aeroplanes to the greater efficiency of his propeller.

Another important feature of Mr. Bates' machine is that it is self-starting, that is it can be started in flight upon its own wheels without any laying of track or other preparation, all that is necessary being a comparatively level starting ground. This is a great point, as Mr. Bates is enabled to alight and make successive flights from different locations, provided only the lay of the land is favorable.

The aeroplane which is now in the express office, knocked down and crated, will be put together, adjusted and tried out as soon as Mr. Bates has selected a location near the beach and constructed a shelter in which to house the machine. It will probably take two days or more to put it together in shape for trial.

The aeroplane when ready for flight is 28x28 feet at extreme points and about nine feet in height. The motor is a two-cylinder gasoline engine of ten or twelve horsepower and like all the balance of the machine, except the wheels, is of Mr. Bates' own design and construction.

Mr. Bates, who arrived at 1:45 p. m., yesterday and put up at The Despland, lost no time in looking over the territory. W. H. Peters taking him over to the beach shortly after his arrival and he expresses himself as greatly impressed with the advantages it affords for trial flights owing to its smooth surface and the great amount of clear space it provides.

Attorney U. M. Bennett came over from DeLand Thursday afternoon.

THE DOCTOR'S QUESTION

Advice against the Use of Harsh Purgatives and Physics.

A doctor's first question when consulted by a patient is, "are your bowels regular?" He knows that ninety-eight per cent of illness is attended with inactive bowels and torpid liver. This condition poisons the system with noxious gases and waste matter which naturally accumulates and which must be removed through the bowels before health can be restored.

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Garth B. Young, Daytona, Fla.

VOLUSIA'S SCHOOL STANDING.

Some Facts And Figures of Interest In The Educational World.

STATEMENTS AND COMPARISONS.

Statistics are misleading unless they are carefully considered, so please note that in the following sometimes it is desirable to be as near the first as possible and sometimes as near the last. Although there is room for much improvement we have to feel proud of our rank and standing as a county.

Last year there were 134,722 pupils enrolled in the public schools of Florida—83,910 white and 50,812 colored. Of these Volusia county enrolled 2,918—1,805 white and 1,113 colored.

Among the counties of the State Volusia county ranks 19th in the number of pupils enrolled, 13th in the number of teachers employed and 22d in the number of schools maintained. This means that we are far above the average in the number of large graded schools maintained and in the number of teachers employed in proportion to the pupils enrolled.

While we are 19th in the number of pupils enrolled we are 11th in the number of pupils above the 7th grade. This shows that we are, in a measure, successful in holding our pupils through the higher grades.

We are 13th in the number of teachers employed but 3rd in the number holding first grade certificates, 2nd in the number of graduates of Normal schools, and 4th in the average experience of our teachers.

There are twenty-four counties in the State that levy a higher assessment for school purposes than we do, yet Volusia county ranks seventh in the aggregate paid for teachers' salaries, eighth in the average monthly salary, ninth in the total expenditure for school purposes, second in the amount expended for school supplies, second in the average length of the school term, and first in the net cost balance at the end of the year.

While Volusia county ranks nineteenth in the number of pupils enrolled, it ranks thirteenth in the value of apparatus and furniture, and seventh in the total value of school property.

Although we rank twenty-second in the number of schools maintained, we rank eighth in the number of visits to the schools paid by the superintendent, and thirty-eighth in the per cent. that the superintendent's salary and traveling expenses are of the total teachers' salaries of the county. We are seventh in the total taxes collected, but twelfth in the administration expenses.

We have twenty special tax districts in this county. While there are eight counties ahead of us in this respect, yet there are eleven counties that have none at all.

Meeting of Live Oak Chapter No. 1

The regular meeting of Live Oak Chapter No. 1, O. E. S., Tuesday night, was largely attended, many visitors being present. There was an initiation, after which refreshments were served as usual, and a pleasant social time was enjoyed. During the evening Mrs. W. H. Heath was presented with a very handsome Past Worthy Matron's pin in appreciation of her services in that office, in which position she served for two years.

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